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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2003, please make the

following changes and consider the following REMARKS: